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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant
San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair TIGER VI grant application submitted to the Department of Transportation by the City of Alameda in partnership with East Bay Regional Park District. As the Representative of California's 13th Congressional District, I support projects such as this one that provide crucial linkages within the transportation system in my district and throughout the San Francisco bay region.

I understand this project will repair, improve and complete seven miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail in the East Bay, connecting hundreds of miles of existing Bay Trail throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, which will ultimately create a 500-mile system. The five Bay Trail projects in this TIGER grant application include:

- Bay Farm Island Bay Trail Resurface/Widen (City of Alameda)
- Clement Avenue Bikeway/Transit/Truck Route (City of Alameda)
- Gilman to Buchanan Bay Trail (Cities of Albany and Berkeley)
- Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Bay Trail (City of Pinole)
- West Alameda Bay Trail Segments (City of Alameda)

These Bay Trail projects will create new options for bicycle commuters, and will bring economic, safety and health benefits to the over one million community members along and near this regional trail. These "Green Transportation" corridors will provide "last mile" access to commute alternatives including buses and rail, and will reduce congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, wear and tear on our streets, dependence on fossil fuels and health care costs. Moreover, this trail project will provide year-round access to schools, employment centers and shopping, and will serve an economically and ethnically diverse population.

Therefore, I am pleased to express my support for this San Francisco Bay Trail TIGER grant application and request that you give it every serious consideration. This project is a critical transportation improvement for the region that will enhance the livability of the area and will provide positive opportunities for sustainable economic development and healthy communities.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

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